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\_\_\_ A small entity statement is enclosed herewith.

\_\_\_ A small entity statement was filed in the prior patent application and such status is still proper, valid, and desired.

\_\_\_ Small entity status is no longer proper, valid, or desired.

x 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0818. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached hereto.

x 8. Amend the specification of this patent application by inserting before the first line thereof the sentence: This patent application is a x Continuation \_\_\_ Divisional patent application of prior United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/236,373, which was filed on JANUARY 25, 1999.

\_\_\_ 9. Priority of patent application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in the prior United States Patent Application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

x 10. The prior patent application is assigned of record to  
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\_\_\_ 11. Also enclosed are \_\_\_\_\_.

x 12. The Power of Attorney in the prior patent application is to:  
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- a. x The power appears in the original papers in the prior patent application.
- b. \_\_\_ Since the power does not appear in the original papers of the prior patent application, a copy of the power as filed in the prior patent application is enclosed herewith.
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